

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
VILLAGE BOARD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF HENRY)
VILLAGE OF ORION)

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 p.m., October 18, 2010 at the Village Hall, 1202 4th Street, Orion, Henry, Illinois. The following members were present: Cooper, Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Absent: Peterson.

President Cooper called the meeting to order and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 2010, subject to changing the word 'inspect' to 'paint' in the first sentence of the first paragraph on page two and the dollar amount from \$25,000 to \$2,500 in the fourth sentence of the fourth paragraph on page two. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Stiles to approve the bills for the month: General Fund-\$33,434.12, General Depreciation-\$2,500.00, Recycle Collections-\$1,738.80, Water O&M-\$7,310.18, Water Depreciation-\$1,586.56, Water Capital Improve.-\$43.15, Sewer O&M-\$8,868.08, Sewer Depreciation-\$17,803.06, Motor Fuel Tax-\$18,721.80, Love Trust-\$337.75, and Fines \$29.98. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson.

Mr. Tim Wise, candidate for Henry County Sheriff, introduced himself to the board and reviewed issues he would address if elected. He vowed to reduce turnover in the Orion department and seek village board input when selecting deputies to work in Orion. Mr. Wise also said it was important for deputies to get the best training. He told the board Orion was a nice town and he enjoyed time spent at the talent show during the Orion Fall Festival. President Cooper said the village would prefer at least one officer live in Orion, if possible.

Introductions were made between the board and Wolf Scouts in attendance. The scouts received treats from President Cooper and stayed to listen to part of the meeting.

Clerk Sampson said the generator for the village hall powered up during a power outage several days ago.

President Cooper expressed condolences to Trustee Drucker for the death of his brother and said the thoughts of the board would be with Trustee O'Leary during an upcoming surgery.

After some initial indecision between agencies over who was responsible for dealing with the gasoline infiltration problem with Orion's sewer system, the Illinois EPA decided to contact Bulk Petroleum Co., the owner of underground storage tanks during the time of

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an incident in 1995, giving them 30 days to submit required information about the incident. The Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM) has also been involved in the effort to find out where gasoline infiltration is coming from. Village attorney John Ames said he made contact with Hernando Albarracin at the IEPA, LUST Section, and expected to hear back from him on Thursday. Mr. Albarracin will get together with EPA staff and legal counsel to attempt to rectify the problem. If it is determined a company has a contaminated site and they are eligible for LUST funds, they must accept the first \$10,000 of expense and then LUST funds could pay for about \$1 million in additional remediation expenses, if necessary. Trustee O'Leary said LEL readings were being taken frequently and a sample of liquid from the sewer manhole in question was forwarded to Missman Stanley for analysis. If gasoline is present the engineering firm will be able to tell if it is old gas or new gas. Trustee Lawson said he was disappointed in the EPA's failure to resolve the issue at its time of occurrence in 1995. President Cooper said Bill Alderson from the OSFM visited Orion recently and checked gasoline records at both Orion Mart and Casey's and found them to be accurate. Trustee Drucker suggested involving the state senator and representative if no action is forthcoming.

Trustee O'Leary said Missman Stanley offered two plans for installation of sewer relief mains in the east end of the village. One solution was estimated at a cost of \$122,000, but the engineering firm recommended the other solution, at a price of \$216,000. The more expensive solution would relieve sewer backup and provide for growth. Trustee O'Leary said he would like the project to be pursued further so that it will be shovel ready for any grant opportunities.

The 10th Avenue sewer main west of the railroad tracks will be repaired tomorrow, it was reported. The street surface will be patched with hot mix after the hole is backfilled.

Electric Pump performed service work at the Prairie Knoll lift station and found both pumps and the control panel had experienced a power surge. The equipment is being repaired and the company will install additional equipment to protect from future power surge damage.

Trustee Lawson said a new storage container for plows had been obtained and painted. He also said compliments had been received about the new landscape waste site.

The 7th Street bridge will close tomorrow for redecking and will not open until sometime before Christmas. President Cooper said, after several discussions with railroad personnel, he finally got the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to agree to pay for the installation of guardrails at a cost of approximately \$100,000. BNSF asked the village to take ownership of the guardrails after installation, which President Cooper refused. The

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village will arrange to repair the guardrail if it is damaged and bill BNSF. The railroad requested the arrangement in order to expedite the process.

President Cooper said concrete foundations were being installed for the placement of new signals and cross-arms at the railroad crossings.

Flushing of water main will begin the week of October 25th.

U.S. Cellular provided a lease agreement for use of the village's east water tower. The company wants to place antennas on the tower to serve its cellular customers, but Trustee Drucker expressed concern about the current condition of the tower. He is waiting to hear from Congressman Bill Foster's office about the status of grant funding for painting the tower. Trustee Drucker reminded the board that an antenna placed on the tower by another company broke loose and made a hole in the structure. U.S. Cellular is offering \$750 per month to place the antennas on the tower, and Trustee Drucker requested any realized funds be placed in a tower maintenance fund. The board agreed to move forward and negotiate with U.S. Cellular. Attorney Ames will review the lease agreement.

President Cooper said he would get cost estimates for polo shirts for board members to wear to dinners, meetings, and seminars while representing the village. Trustee Stiles requested nametags as well.

Trustee Lawson will check with Dan Long about the installation of snowmobile route signs in the village.

It was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to enter executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson.

President Cooper reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:48 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Drucker, seconded by Lawson to adjourn. Ayes: Stiles, O'Leary, Lawson, Drucker, and Cline. Noes: None. Absent: Peterson.

Lori A. Sampson
Village Clerk

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